

63. (New) A method according to claims 7 wherein the resulting polymer containing biguanide groups is subsequently coated on to an article of manufacture to form an infection resistant coating thereon.


64. (New) A method according to claim 7 wherein the biguanide compound is chlorhexidine or polyhexanide.

65. (New) A method according to claim 26 wherein the resulting polymer contains biguanide groups derived from both chlorhexidine and polyhexanide.

#### Remarks

Original Claims 1-38 have been cancelled and new Claims 39-65 have been added to bring the subject application into conformity with the claims on which the International Preliminary Examination Report is based, except that multiple dependencies have been eliminated in deference to traditional U.S. practice. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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